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Remarks

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15, 16 and 19-27 are pending. Claims 19-27 were added with Amendment F, filed on January 27, 2005. As a further note, claim status indicators (*i.e.*, "original" or "currently amended") and markings to the amended claims reflect the status of the claims as if they were presented with the Amendment F, filed on January 27, 2005.

Amendment F was found to be non-responsive for two reasons: 1) Applicants did not indicate which of the newly added claims 19-27 read upon the elected species, and 2) appropriate fees must be paid to extend the time period for response.

With respect to the newly added claims 19-27, Applicants submit that all of the newly added claims 19-27 read upon the elected species.

With respect to the payment of appropriate fees to extend the time period for response, Applicants submit that the fees were timely paid. Amendment F was filed in response to an Office action, dated July 27, 2004, which had a two-month shortened statutory period for reply. Amendment F was filed on January 27, 2005, together with the fee for a four-month extension of time. In addition, Applicants also paid for filing two terminal disclaimers and for newly added claims in excess of twenty. To substantiate these claims, Applicants submit herewith copies of the fee transmittal and check No. 035587 filed with Amendment F.

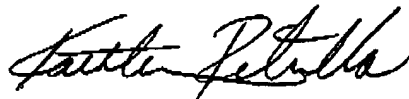
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Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully solicit an allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issue remain unresolved.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Response. If, however, the Commissioner determines a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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